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10 and for which a patent is sought on the invention
entitled "AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR MITRAL VALVE
REPAIR", the specification of which was filed on June
22, 2001, accorded Serial No. 09/888,282, and is
identified by Attorney's Docket No. VIA-6.

15 I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand
the contents of the above-identified specification,
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20 application in accordance with Title 37, Code of
Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35,
United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States
Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/213,782,
filed June 23, 2000 for AUTOMATED ANNULAR PLICATION FOR
5 MITRAL VALVE REPAIR.

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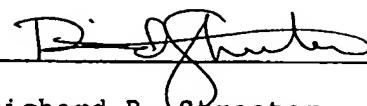
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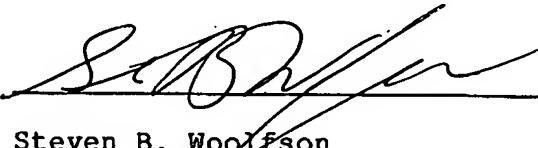
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